

NORTHERN ROCKIES FIRE USE MANAGEMENT TEAM

FIRE INFORMATION DAILY FACT SHEET

This will be the last Daily Fact Sheet physically distributed from these Fires unless they become more active and additional Management Actions are taken. Daily information will continue electronically from the fire use management team for the duration of our assignment on these fires. Others requesting information are asked to call the phone number listed.

DATE: June 14, 2006

TIME: 8:00 am

INCIDENT NAME: Blackbird Mine and Meadow, Wildland Fire Use Fires

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JURISDICTION: Fishlake National Forest.

INCIDENT COMMANDER: Chuck Stanich/Dave Larsen

AGENCIES: U S Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management

LOCATION: The Blackbird Mine fire is 6 miles east of Marysvale, UT. The Meadow fire is 8 miles Southeast of Fillmore, UT.

SIZE: Blackbird Mine 1,463 acres, Meadow 28 acres.

FUEL TYPE & TOPOGRAPHY: Blackbird Mine wildland fire use fire is burning in grass and sagebrush intermixed with pockets of Sub-Alpine Fir and Spruce. The Meadow wildland fire use fire is burning in a mixed White Fir and Aspen fuel type with dead and downed fuel loading. The terrain is steep and rugged with primary accessibility by air.

RESOURCES ASSIGNED: PERSONNEL: 46 HELICOPTERS: 1

CURRENT SITUATION: The Blackbird Mine and Meadow fires are being managed for wildland fire use. Wildland fire use is the result of a natural event, in this case lightning. Wildland Fire Use is often a long duration event which requires public understanding of smoke events, temporary inconveniences regarding travel, and potential closure of public use areas. These fires both withstood a day of higher winds and low humidity, yet still remained relatively inactive from a burning perspective. There was single tree torching on the Meadow Fire for example, but no major spotting or running fire. The goal of Wildland Fire Use fires is to protect, maintain, and enhance resources and, as nearly as possible, be allowed to function in its natural ecological role as defined within the context of the agency mission and approved land management objectives.

Management actions taken yesterday allowed for the cooling where heat had been identified on the fire edge, without utilizing excessive measures.

Both of these fires remained relatively inactive yesterday with approximately 5 acres of active burning, and no evidence of any running fire. Management of these fires will continue following the planned management actions developed for the fires.

Weather conditions today are expected to be about the same as yesterday.

Temperatures over the fire areas are expected to be in the 62-76 range however, the air mass remains dry. The possibility of dry lightning storms will increase throughout the day. Winds should increase in the afternoon with gusts to 40 mph possible. Weather factors are continually assessed for the potential of extreme fire behavior on these fires.

ACTIONS PLANNED: A hand crew will again be utilized on the Blackbird Mine fire to continue their work on the current fire perimeter and, using minimum impact tactics, check the fire line for any heat present. Hand held infrared technology will again be utilized to detect hot spots. Security of the fire area will continue to insure public safety. The public needs to remember that firefighters are working in the area and to be watching for vehicles and aircraft. Your cooperation in this effort appreciated.

A helitak crew and a squad of the hand crew will work portions of the existing fire perimeter on the Meadow fire for mapping, heat detection, and cooling purposes.

SPECIAL CONCERNS: Firefighter, aircraft operation and public safety is the primary concern on these fires.